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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Abstract, line 14 "SON ET" should read -- SONET --.
Column 5, line 27, "do number" should read -- the number --.
Column 5, line 32, "frame" should read -- frame 1 --.
Column 5, line 33, "rat R1" should read -- rate R1 --.
Column 5, line 35, "that in a" should read -- that is a --.
Column 7, line 51, "011...011" should read -- 011...001 --.
Column 9, line 55, "A of C" should read -- Δ of C --.
Column 14, line 15, "In claim" should read -- in claim --.
Column 14, line 29, "function P" should read -- function β --.
Column 15, line 26, "A synchronizer" should read -- A de-synchronizer --.

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